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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
APO 413, U. S. Army

7 December 1944

SUBJECT: "WOODLAND" Operation
TO : Director, Psychological Warfare Division, SHAEP
FROM : Chief, MO Branch, OSS, ETO

1. OBJECT: To confuse the separatist issue now coming into being in the minds of the Austrians and Bavarians.
2. METHOD: Using speakers representing the viewpoints of
 - a. The anti-Nazi Austrian patriots.
 - b. The Catholic middle-class and peasantry.
 - c. The partisan movement, especially in Styria, Carinthia and Bavaria.
 - d. The women whose family life has been destroyed.
 - e. The new anti-Nazi opposition among the Austrian and Bavarian youth.

Length of programs, 20 to 30 minutes each, with three speakers alternating:

- a. A Styrian village school-teacher and Radio amateur;
- b. A Student who has joined the partisans, with Catholic leanings;
- c. The widow of an officer who had believed in Hitler but had become disgusted by Nazi demagoguery and crimes.

Using folk-music in between the talks.

Program to be introduced by a local folk-song as a signature tune. Occasionally using "Schnadahupfl" (Austro-Bavarian limericks) and popular Viennese songs with topical satirical lyrics.

Occasional interruptions by powerful "ghost voice" with Prussian accent, abusing the Austrians for their anti-Nazism.

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Short-wave amateur sender, located somewhere in the wilds of the Styrian mountains.

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3. SUBJECT MATTER: Appeals for an independent Austria in a Danube bloc, with special regard to Bavaria; for an Austro-Bavarian separate peace with the Allies; for final separation from militarist Prussia.

Church v. Nazism; black market; support for partisans; "Volkssturm" as the partisans' arsenal; wholesale plunder of Austria by Prussian industrialists; increasing number of attempts on Nazi bigwigs' lives; medical advice for potential deserters; first Austrian battalion in Slovenes' Army of Liberation; women's problems such as separation from husband and children; soldiers' mutilations; physical strain; Party officials' orgies; demoralization of girls.

4. TARGET: Ostensibly Austrian and Bavarian listeners, actually 'eavesdroppers' in Prussia and other parts of the Reich.

5. TRANSMISSION: Short-wave.

6. DURATION: Three times a week during good listening periods. Seven to ten individual programs over a period of two to maximum three weeks.